

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 8, 2006

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**Fire  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL  
ACTION**

ITEM 10

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance to establish classifications and number of positions in the classified service of the Fire Department and repealing Ordinance No. 20060518-003.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**Additional Backup Material**

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☐ Ordinance

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**Prior Council Action:** Ordinance No.20060518-003 adopted by Council on 5/18/06.

**Boards and Commission Action:**

The Austin Fire Department has teamed up with the Austin Independent School District (A.I.S.D.) to provide a firefighter and emergency medical technician certification program at LBJ High School beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

This program prepares students for taking a state certification exam and assist students in developing a road map for a future career in the fire service. This program consists of two curriculums in a four-semester time span. The program begins at the start of the student's junior year and culminates upon the completion of their senior year.

The first three semesters consist of Fire Protection Technology Instruction. Emergency Medical Technician Instruction concludes this program in the final semester. The individual classes will be taught each school day for two periods (one block). During each semester three or four field trips will be required to complete firefighter curriculum skills and to participate in "ride-outs" at AFD fire stations. The field trips are held on Saturdays at the AFD Fire Training Academy and additional sites as needed. This action will create one Lieutenant position in the Fire Department who will service as AISD Fire Technology and Emergency Medical Technician Program coordinator.

The coordinator will serve as the liaison between AFD and AISD, coordinate logistics, scheduling, instruction, and so forth. The changes are reflected as follows: Increase the number of Lieutenants by 1 from 170 to 171. Decrease the number of Firefighters by 1 from 585 to 584. The Texas Government Code, Chapter 143 requires Council action to approve changes in the number of positions in the firefighter classifications.